


# 2015 APAAC ANNUAL VICTIM ADVOCATE CONFERENCE



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Advocating in Dual  
Mission Offices

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Angela Rose, Scottsdale  
Prosecutor's Office  
Colleen Phelan, Pima  
County Attorney's Office

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What is your role as an  
advocate?

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## Benefits & Challenges



Tombstone Courthouse

## Working at a Prosecutor's Office

- Stability
- Ability to work closely with members of CJ system.
- Provide long term support
- Variety of crime types
- Confidentiality
- Role 'creep'
- Communication
- Differing goals & focus
- Every day is a snowflake

## Confidentiality

### Role 'Creep'

- Inability to plan daily schedule

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### Communication

- Different Victims
- Different Partners
- Adapting styles appropriately

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### Differing Goals & Focus

- Priorities:  
Victim, Prosecutor, Agency, Law Enforcement
- Honoring the objectives of each player

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In short...



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Be an Asset

- Rapport building
- Proactive
- Team Approach
  - Make the Prosecutor/Paralegal/Secretary/Detective job easier for the **benefit** of the Victim
- Face time to build personal connection
  - Victim
  - Prosecution Team

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### Vicarious Trauma

- Awareness
- Balance
- Connection

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### Be a **rainbow** in someone's cloud.

Maya Angelou

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